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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AS COMPENSATION FOR PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSION ON
BTN 84.15.90 (REFTELS), SOUTH AFRICA HAS NOW PROPOSED EITHER
OF FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS (NOT BOTH):

(A) REDUCE DUTY FROM 5 TO 2-1/2 PERCENT AD VALOREM
AND BIND ON BTN 70.14.20, OIL LAMPS AND CHIMNEYS
AND SHADES FOR SAME. AVERAGE 1971-73 IMPORTS FROM
U.S. 179,347 RAND.

(B) REDUCE DUTY FROM 15 TO 10 PERCENT AD VALOREM AND BIND
ON BTN 85.20.50, PROJECTOR FILAMENT LAMPS.
AVERAGE 1971-73 IMPORTS FROM U.S.: 67,943 RAND.

2. ON SURFACE NEITHER ITEM OFFERED APPEARS ADEQUATE, GIVEN
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DEPTH OF CUT AND TRADE COVERAGE COMPARED WITH PRESUMED TOTAL

S.A. IMPAIRMENT OF 84.15.90, EVAPORATORS AND CONDENSERS FOR REFRIGERATORS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALREADY ARGUED U.S. APPROACH WITH THERON--AS HAS WASHINGTON WITH LUBBE--AND DESPAIR OF COMMUNICATING MEANINGFULLY. WE SIMPLY COMMENTED THAT THESE LATEST S.A. OFFERS SEEM ANEMIC IN DEPTH OF CUT BUT PROMISED PASS THEM ON FOR FULL WASHINGTON EVALUATION.

3. MAYBE WASHINGTON CAN GLEAN SOME LATENT MORSEL FROM AMONG THESE OFFERS; PERHAPS S.A. LAMP CHIMNEY MARKET IS ABOUT TO BULGE. COPIES OF JULY 24 THERON-SPRUCE LETTER BEING POUCHED EB/OT/TA (BARRACLOUGH), COMMERCE (MONTGOMERY) AND STR (GARLAND).DALE

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